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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Damon Ray Black, et al.
Serial No. : 10/042,992
Filed : January 9, 2002
For : METHOD OF FORMING A LEAD (AS AMENDED)
Group No. : 3729
Examiner : Rick K. Chang

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

It is believed that a fee is required for one (1) additional independent claim in excess of three.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 for the additional claims fee is enclosed.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. The response period is presently set to expire on December 17, 2004, and if this Request for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be January 17, 2004 (federal holiday).

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 17, 2004, please amend

the above-identified application as follows:

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